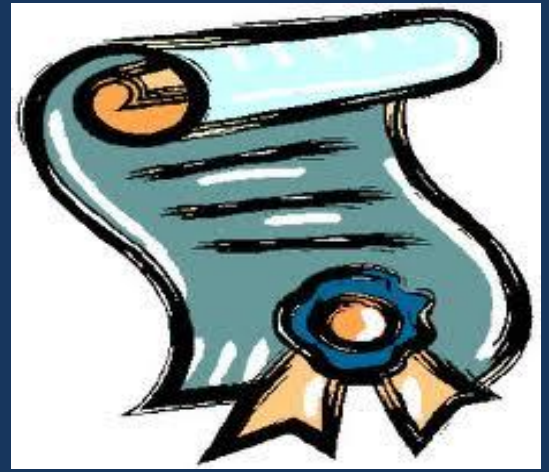


# The Calvin Ball Bulletin

Legislation Edition: November 2011



This newsletter is purely dedicated to legislation relating to Howard County and will be distributed after the County Council prefile deadline which is typically the last Thursday of the month. It will include legislation under consideration by the Howard County Council and the Howard County State legislation when in session.

Included within each section you will find a brief description of each of the proposed legislation and the Council bills are able to be viewed online at <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Displayprimary.aspx?ID=4294968832>. I hope you find this information helpful and are able to take advantage

of this opportunity to become more engaged. If you'd like to offer testimony on any legislation for consideration by the Howard County Council, please send an email to [Councilmail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:Councilmail@howardcountymd.gov). The Howard County State Legislation is no longer in session. However, should you have any questions relating to the legislation included in this newsletter, please feel free to email [hoc1@mlis.state.md.us](mailto:hoc1@mlis.state.md.us).

## Howard County Council INTRODUCTIONS

\*All current Council legislation can be found online at <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Displayprimary.aspx?ID=4294968832>.

### **CR 161-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jacqueline Morais Easley to the Planning Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CR 162-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jim D. Ennis to the Commission on Disability Issues.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CR 163-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jeffrey Huber to the Pension Oversight Commission.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CR 164-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Rhonda J. Jones, Ed. D., to the Howard County Local Children's Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CR 165-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Sue P. Rogan to the Advisory Board on Consumer Affairs.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CR 166-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of S. Allan Shad to the Historic District Commission.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*



**CR 167-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Joan Webb Scornaienchi to the Commission on Women.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR 168-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Felicia Banks West to the Advisory Board on Consumer Affairs.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR 169-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Michelle B. Glassburn to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR 170-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Julie Keough to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR 171-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Theresa E. Long to the Pension Oversight Commission.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR 172-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of James D. Walsh to the Board of Appeals of Howard County, Maryland, to fill a term ending on December 31, 2016.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

## **GENERAL**

**CB 55-2011 Introduced by: Council Members Calvin Ball, Mary Kay Sigaty, Jennifer Terrasa and Courtney Watson**

AN ACT amending the Health and Social Services Title of the Howard County Code to include gender identity and expression as a classification protected against certain types of unlawful, discriminatory practices; and generally relating to the Human Rights law of Howard County.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CB 55-2011 Introduced by: Calvin Ball. Co-Sponsored by Courtney Watson**

AN ACT authorizing a property tax credit for certain residential buildings that meet specified environmental standards; providing for the amount and duration of the credit; and generally relating to property tax credits.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR 56-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT amending the Pay Plan for Howard County; establishing a premium pay for certain Emergency Communications Supervisors; providing for certain shift differentials and payrates for Correctional Lieutenants and Captains; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR 173-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Purchasing Agent to waive the formal competitive bidding requirements of Title 4, Subtitle 1 of the Howard County Code in order to enter into an agreement with Ellicott Meadows, LLC, a Maryland limited liability company, for the design and construction of road improvements to North Ridge Road.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR 174-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive.**

A RESOLUTION adopting the Housing Unit Allocation Chart for Fiscal Year 2012 pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR 175-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive.**

A RESOLUTION adopting the Open/Closed Chart, pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County, to designate the school regions and school districts that are open for residential development.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR 176-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive.**

A RESOLUTION approving the application and receipt of financing for a Community Legacy Project in Howard County, further described in the Community Legacy Application, to be financed either directly by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development or through other departments or agencies of the State of Maryland.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

## **FINAL CONSIDERATION**

**CR 151-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Faenita Dilworth to the Equal Business Opportunity Commission.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR 152-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dawn Marie Duignan, LCSW-C to the Howard County Local Children's Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR 153-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Richard J. Green to the Advisory Board on Consumer Affairs.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR 154-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ashlyn Hood to the Advisory Board on Consumer Affairs.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR 155-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Donna Pidel to the Howard County Local Children's Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR 156-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Debra Poquette to the Howard County Board of Directors of the Revenue Authority.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR 157-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Duane St. Clair to the Board to Promote Self Sufficiency.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR 158-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Harry Evans, III to the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

## **GENERAL**

**CB 51-2011 Introduced by: Calvin Ball**

AN ACT authorizing the Department of Police to impound a vehicle under specified circumstances; specifying the criteria for release of the vehicle; and generally relating to parking violations in Howard County.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CB 52-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT eliminating the Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to Boards and Commissions in Howard County.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR 53-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT requiring that appeals from a decision of the Hearing Examiner shall be heard on the record; and generally relating to appeals to the Board of Appeals.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR 159-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard

County Code, authorizing the County Executive to grant a permanent easement to the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company in certain real property owned by the County located at Monarch Mills (formerly known as Guilford Gardens); waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to grant the easement if he finds that the land may have a further public use and submits his finding to the County Council for its consideration.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR 160-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive.**

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 5-301 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, approving the Howard County Board of Education's Capital Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2013 and Capital Improvement Program Request for Fiscal Years 2014-2018 for the purpose of submission to the Interagency Committee on School Construction.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

## TABLED

**CR 139-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Arthur John Whittle to the Commission on Disability Issues.

*Final Action: Passed 10/3/11*

*Votes: Unanimous*

**CB 50-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive and Cosponsored by Calvin Ball, Mary Kay Sigaty, Jennifer Terrasa and Courtney Watson**

AN ACT, pursuant to State law requirements, repealing and reenacting the Howard County Public Ethics Law; defining certain terms; restating the role of the Howard County Ethics Commission and the role of the County Solicitor; authorizing certain late fees for failure to file certain forms; clarifying certain prohibited conduct and interests; clarifying provisions related to gifts and authorizing the acceptance of certain limited types of gifts; maintaining certain exceptions currently allowed under the Howard County Charter; clarifying the disclosure of certain information by elected officials, candidates for elected offices, county employees and board and commission members; clarifying and expanding certain lobbyist provisions including reporting requirements; providing for certain enforcement; and generally relating to the Howard County Public Ethics Law.

*Final Action: Passed 10/3/11*

*Votes: Unanimous*

**CR 150-2011 Introduced by: Greg Fox**

A RESOLUTION proposing to add a section to Article VIII. "Centralized Purchasing" of the Howard County Charter to limit the exercise of the power of eminent domain so that the power is used only for public purposes and not for private economic development, and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

*Final Action: Tabled 10/3/11*

*Votes: Yea – Council Members Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa, and Watson; Nay – Council Member Ball*

## THE PROCESS

The County Council is responsible for adopting the laws of the County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle:

- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration
- 3rd Monday - Public hearing on legislation introduced that month
- 4th Monday - Legislative work session, if needed
- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration

Council bills must be signed or vetoed by the County Executive within 10 days of the Council's presentation of passed legislation.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Unless otherwise noted, the County Council will hold its meetings in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD.

The next meetings are as follows:

- Tuesday, October 11, 2011 Monthly Meeting at 12:30pm in the C. Vernon Gray Room
- Monday, October 17, 2011 Legislative Public Hearing at 7:30pm
- Monday, October 24, 2011 Work Session at 4:30pm
- Monday, November 7, 2011 Legislative Session at 7:30pm
- Monday, November 14, 2011 Work Session at 12:3pm in the C. Vernon Gray Room

\* Please note these dates are subject to change. To access the most up-to-date calendar of meetings, visit [http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC\\_Legislative\\_CouncilCalendar.htm](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_Legislative_CouncilCalendar.htm)

Can't attend a meeting but still want to stay involved? You can stream the Council's sessions online by visiting [www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC\\_WatchUs.htm](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_WatchUs.htm) and click on the meeting you would like to watch. The Council's sessions are also streamed real time on this website.



## Howard County State Legislation

The Howard County Delegation held a Special Session during the week of October 10<sup>th</sup> and while no legislation was voted upon, I wanted to share with you some items of interest.

### **Howard County 1-11SS (Howard County Board of Education, Elected and Appointed Members) Submitted by Delegate Frank Turner.**

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain members of the Howard County Board of Education be elected; requiring that certain members of the county board be appointed; establishing the composition of the county board; providing for the qualifications, terms of office, and the filling of a vacancy of certain members of the county board; establishing a procedure for the election and appointment of members of the county board; providing for the termination of the terms of certain members of the county board; requiring the County Executive of Howard County to appoint certain members of the county board and to consider certain factors when making an appointment; providing that a certain member elected to the county board from a certain geographic area but whose district boundaries are subsequently altered may remain as a member of the county board for a certain period; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the Howard County Board of Education.

*Final Action: Withdrawn 10/11/11*

*Votes: Not applicable*

The public hearing on HoCo 1-11SS was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2011. You may stream the hearing online at [http://howardcounty.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=2&clip\\_id=704](http://howardcounty.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=704)

Other items of interest discussed by the delegation involved redistricting, a gas tax and marriage equality. For those interested in following the statewide redistricting, I'd like to share with you the following links that lay out the redistricting maps and discuss the plan:

<http://planning.maryland.gov/redistricting/>

<http://www.mdp.state.md.us/redistricting/2010/congDist.shtml>

The General Assembly will convene in January 2012 so I encourage our residents to stay tuned in if these topics are of interest to you. As dates become available, I will be sure to pass them along.

As always, I hope you have found this information insightful and I encourage you to share this newsletter with your neighbors.

All the best

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*"The life of a man consists not in seeing visions and in dreaming dreams, but in active charity and in willing service." ~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*